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BLUE *REVIEWS*

In each issue, Editor-in-Chief Anthony Dias Blue selects a wide range of the best wines and spirits from among the more than 500 he samples over the course of a month. The reviews are subjective editorial evaluations, made without regard to advertising, and products are scored on a 100-point scale:

85-89: VERY GOOD

90-94: OUTSTANDING

95-100: CLASSIC

Once products are selected for publication, producers and importers will be offered the option of having their review accompanied by an image (bottle photo or label art) for a nominal fee. There is no obligation to add an image, nor does the decision affect the review or score in any way.

 The "twisty" icon indicates wines sealed with a screwcap closure.

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Prices are for 750 ml. bottles unless otherwise noted.

DOMESTIC


92 **Balletto Vineyards 2012 Chardonnay, Sexton Hill Vineyard, Russian River Valley (\$38)** Exquisite fresh fruit backed by tangy acidity, rich vanilla and new oak; delightfully long finish.



90 **Amity Vineyards 2013 Pinot Blanc, Willamette Valley (\$22)** Crisp and juicy with racy acidity and notes of peach and citrus; alive with tangy style.



92 **Lasseter Family Winery 2013 Voilà, Glen Ellen (\$46)** Polished, dense and packed with style, finesse and complex flavors of fig, spice, vanilla and oak. 50% Semillon Heritage Clone, 30% Sauvignon Blanc Clone 1, 20% Sauvignon Blanc Clone Musqué.

94 **Chehalem 2012 Reserve Pinot Noir, Ridgecrest Vineyard, Ribbon Ridge (\$80)** Black cherry over a racy acid structure; silky with balance and tangy style; smooth, rich and deep; long, elegant and lovely. 

90 **Goldschmidt 2013 Crazy Creek Cabernet Sauvignon, Katherine Vineyard, Alexander Valley (\$20)** Smooth, ripe and lush with sweet plum, blackberry and soft texture; balanced, rich and long.



95 **Adelsheim Vineyard 2012 Elizabeth's Reserve Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley (\$60)** Ripe, juicy cherry and raspberry with lively acidity and racy fruit; silky, with elegant flavors and lovely depth.



92 **Sokol Blosser Winery 2012 Pinot Noir, Dundee Hills (\$38)** Tangy berry fruit; savory and edgy with bright, earthy style; complex and balanced on the finish.

93 **Sequoia Grove Vineyards 2012 Rutherford Bench Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford (\$70)** Deep flavors of plum, blackberry and spice; tangy, balanced and complex with style and considerable finesse.

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94 **Ziata Wines 2012 Mia Madre, Napa Valley (\$95)** Lush and juicy with lovely blackberry and rich notes of cassis, tangy plum and spice; silky and elegant with notes of licorice and pure, ripe fruit; seamless with depth and lovely style; long and smooth, balanced and impressive. Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot.



90 **Reuling Vineyard 2013 Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast (\$70)** Silky and bright with elegant flavors of pear fruit, sweet oak and vanilla; complex with a polished, seamless style.